



# 2005 Michigan Youth Horse Racing Program **OVERVIEW**

*"Bringing yesterday's tradition of horse racing back to our youth"*

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- \* Stimulate interest in Michigan Horse Racing
- \* Educate youth about the horse racing industry
- \* Enhance youth involvement with livestock

## **RACING OVERVIEW**

- \* Over \$25,000 in purse money and prizes was awarded to just under 240 participants since 2001
- \* Youth races are held at fairs throughout the State
- \* Winners are eligible to participate for the championship
- \* Championship races are hosted at a premier Michigan race track

## **RACING SPECIFICS**

- \* 3 – 5 riders per race heat
- \* Walking start
- \* Races are held on the straight-away in front of the grandstand

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- \* Participants must be certified
- \* Youth must be between 10 and 19 years of age
- \* Two years of riding experience is required

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- \* Helmets and rider vests must be worn by participants
- \* Safety Equipment is provided by the State of Michigan

## **CERTIFICATION CLINICS**

- \* Certification clinics are held prior to the race
- \* Each race participant and horse team must be certified
- \* Riders are certified on their ability to safely handle their horse



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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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For more information or if your fair  
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